

Stakeholder introduction ISLA Mauritius

30 minutes

START: What is a stakeholder? Why should we involve them?
(Impact on/from project)

Should we always involve other “stakeholders” in our projects? (depends on their potential impact on our work)

How good has MWF/NPCS been at doing this? (Crucial stakeholders but perhaps not the interest groups- i.e. public)

Write up graph showing grades of stakeholders in terms of impact on/from the project... identify that interest groups might have been neglected- in fact this relates to all the groups in the room- we haven't done much to engage the public...

Whether or not we decide to involve interest groups in the process of species recovery we will always have certain critical stakeholders who must be included, e.g. government and MWF! As with species recovery we can always do better and are learning all the time how to engage with other groups.

Positions and needs: One of the earliest points of conflict that occur in any stakeholder process (e.g. meeting) is when people begin by expressing their opinions as to what other people should do in order to solve the problem. We are uncontrollable problem-solvers!

Take a look at the following statements:

On powerpoint:

MWF need to take better care of the field stations that they are allowed to use

NPCS needs to monitor and repair the fences around existing plots

Forestry need to let us cut down some trees

MWF Rodrigues need to communicate better with the office

Carry on with powerpoint short set of slides- “from positions to needs”

Summary

-It is important to consider who we are involving in a project and why and to what level. Perhaps we could be considering more the informing aspect of our work to those stakeholders further from the problem (the public).

-Try to reflect on how we address conflict situations- have we created one by adopting a position rather than trying to identify a need...?